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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.194**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.194, appellants hereby request an oral hearing with regard to the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$280.00 to cover the fee for oral hearing is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1138.

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- ☒ Reply Brief Under 37 CFR § 1.193(b) (14 pages) (in triplicate);
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